

Hitchin Urban District Council.



ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1961



HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1961 - 1962

COUNCILLORS :

Chairman of the Council

MRS. E. L. SWINBURNE J.P.

Vice-Chairman

K.B. WARWICK.

Chairman - Public Health Committee - T. Brooker

W. C. Ainsley	E. Harding.
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J. T. Barker, J.P.	W. A. Hill. J.P.
F. B. Bowker M.B.E.	F. A. Millard. J.P.
G. R. J. Chenery.	A. R. G. Price. J.P.
R. Foster.	J. Reilly.

W. WILSON, F.C.C.S.
Clerk of the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1961.

Medical Officer of Health :

VICTOR R. WALKER, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.,
(Also Divisional M.O. for North Herts.)

Senior Public Health Inspector :

NORMAN HOLT, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.,
Certs. R.S. Health (1. Meat and Foods 2. Smoke)

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Additional Public Health Inspectors :

DONALD ALFRED FOGG, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.
Certs. R.S. Health (1. Meat and Foods 2. Smoke)

HARRY FORREST M.A.P.H.I.
Certs. R.S. Health (Meat and Foods)

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CLERICAL STAFF :

MR. R.J. WOOLSTON.
(Until 27th October, 1961.)

MR. J.D. DAVIDSON.
(From 1st November, 1961.)

MRS. D.E. ADAMS.
(Until 24th January, 1961.)

MISS. E. HALL.
(From 13th April, 1961. to 2nd April, 1962.)

OFFICES :

Medical Officer of Health :

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Senior Public Health Inspector :

Council Offices, Brand Street, Hitchin.

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HITCHIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit the above annual report on the direction of Ministry Circular 1/62.

For 1961 the local death rate of 13.8 considerably exceeds the figure for England and Wales (12.0); this must mainly be due to a higher-than-average proportion of middle aged and elderly residents. Scrutiny of tabulated causes showed increases in Angina and other Heart Diseases, Malignant Diseases, and Respiratory Diseases. Application of the local comparability factor (0.86) supplied by the Registrar gives a standardised death rate of 11.9.

After relatively low local birth rates for some years a marked rise is evident; here a probable factor is the recent completion of several new housing estates with inflow of younger families.

Local stillbirth and infant mortality rates are seen to be favourable and there was during the year no local occurrence of serious infectious disease.

I would acknowledge having received during the year every assistance from your Council and its chief officers; particularly from Mr. Holt, your Senior Public Health Inspector, who is responsible for the attached report on sanitary matters.

Your obedient servant,

V.R. WALKER.

May, 1962.

District Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

LOCAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,850
Home Population - Registrar General's estimate for mid-1961.. .. .	23,820
Number of inhabited houses at 1st April, 1962.. .. .	7,534
Rateable value as at 1st April, 1962... .. .	£364,036
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate for 1962/63.. .. .	£1,540

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR
THE YEAR 1961.

HITCHIN Comparable
URBAN Rate for
DISTRICT. ENGLAND
 AND WALES.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	455	253	202
Illegitimate	26	12	14
	<hr/> 481	<hr/> 265	<hr/> 216

Rate per 1,000 population	20.2	17.4
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.4%	

STILLBIRTHS.

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	7	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 5

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	14.3	18.7
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TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
488	267	221

HITCHIN
URBAN
DISTRICT

Comparable
Rate for
ENGLAND
AND WALES.

DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
328	154	174

Rate per 1,000 population

13.8

12.0

INFANT DEATHS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under 1 week	7	4	3
1 - 4 weeks	1	-	1
4 - 52 weeks	-	-	-
	8	4	4

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total
live births

16.6

21.4

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000
legitimate live births

17.6

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000
illegitimate live births

0.0

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths
under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live
births)

16.6

15.5

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total
live births)

14.6.

HITCHIN	Comparable
URBAN	Rate for
DISTRICT	ENGLAND
	AND WALES.

Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths
and deaths under 1 week combined per
1,000 total live and still births) .. 28.7

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)
Number of deaths None
Rate per 1,000 total live and still
births 0.0 0.33

COMMENT ON LOCAL VITAL STATISTICS.

The estimated local mid-year population shows a further considerable rise of 310 while local live births (481) are well above the figure of 416 for 1960.

Deaths from Cancer (all sites) Numbered 53, of which total 11 (9 males) were from Cancer of the lung or bronchus. 3 deaths (2 males and 1 female) among the local residents occurred from motor vehicle accidents, against a figure of 6 in 1960.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

These are unchanged.

SECTIONS C - E.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA, HOUSING AND INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

Full reports on the above are contained in the attached report of your Senior Public Health Inspector.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

For the year 1961 totals of infectious diseases notified (after correction) were; Measles 183, Scarlet fever 3, Whooping cough 1 and Puerperal pyrexia 1. Only the measles outbreak in the first quarter is seen to be of importance.

Again no single case of either Anterior Poliomyelitis, Enteric Disease, or Food Poisoning was notified.

IMMUNISATION.

The availability for the whole year of the 'three-in-one' TRIPLE antigen - against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus - has led to a steadily increased acceptance by parents. Similarly the offer early in the summer to children of primary school age of a fourth protective dose of Salk vaccine against poliomyelitis had an acceptance rate over seventy five per cent, occasioning considerable extra work for staffs of both health department and primary schools.

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TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths during the Year 1961.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1								
2 - 5	1							
5 - 15								
15 - 25				1				
25 - 35		1						
35 - 45								
45 - 55	3							
55 - 65								
65 and over	1							
Not known								1
TOTALS:	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	1

COMMENT: New notifications are again seen to be few, one more than the low figure for 1960. In the figures can be seen the now customary small group of middle age males found to be suffering from respiratory disease. In addition inward transfers from other areas to the register numbered 10 respiratory cases.

One death is recorded during the year from other forms of Tuberculosis.

One death from tuberculosis (female non-respiratory) was credited to the district by the Registrar General; of this case no trace can be found in the local records for the year.

May, 1962.

V.R. Walker,
District Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my twentieth Annual Report upon the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ending 31st. December, 1961.

Housing again received much attention as houses continue to be represented to the Council as unfit for human habitation. This work of clearance of unfit houses, together with improvement grants, involves the department in a considerable amount of time, as in addition to the practical inspections etc. many discussions and interviews with owners take place.

As the extension of the paper sack system of refuse collection commenced during the latter part of the year my colleagues and myself were kept very busy attending to the many queries and minor problems which obviously arose.

I again express my thanks to the staff for their valuable assistance and to all the Council's officials for their continued co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

N. HOLT.

Senior Public Health Inspector.

June, 1962.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS

AND NOTICES SERVED DURING

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1961

NATURE OF VISIT OR INSPECTION

GENERAL SANITATION

Water supply	5
Drainage	301
Stables and piggeries	-
Caravans	31
Factories	74
Workplaces	4
Refuse and salvage collection	320
Refuse disposal	127
Rats and mice	53
Smoke observations	19
Boiler plants	22
Shops	42
Petroleum installations	51
Swimming pools	16
Miscellaneous	427
Under Public Health Acts (other than Housing) ..	366

HOUSING

Under Public Health Acts :-

Number of houses inspected	77
Visits paid to above houses	265

Under Housing Acts :-

Number of houses inspected	99
Visits paid to above houses	961

Overcrowding :-

Number of houses inspected	18
Visits paid to above houses	37

RENT ACT 1957

Inspections in connection with certificates of Disrepair.	1
All revisits	8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Inquiries in case of I.D.	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Visits re. disinfection	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Inspection of meat :-

Visits to slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	605
Visits to shops and stalls	7

Food Inspection :-

Visits to shops and stalls	123
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Visits to :-

Butchers	68
Fishmongers and poulterers	13
Fish friers	5
Grocers	95
Greengrocers and fruiterers	..	..	..	..	..	18
Dairies and milkshops	..	..	..	..	..	12
Ice cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	9
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	16
Market stalls	..	..	..	..	..	81
Restaurants	..	..	..	..	..	55
Canteens, etc.,	..	..	..	..	..	57
Street vendors and hawkers carts	..	..	..	..	..	14
Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	24

Visits in connection with sampling (bacteriological):-

Milk	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Ice cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	102

NOTICES SERVED

Number of Informal Notices served	..	..	..	..	76
Number of Informal Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	62
Number of Statutory Notices served	..	..	..	..	4
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	..	..	1

IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

HOUSES, ETC.,

Roofs repaired	39
Chimney stacks pointed or repaired	12
Chimney pots provided	5
Flashings repaired or replaced	15
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed	30
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	32
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	3
Roof timbers repaired or replaced	9
Walls pointed or repaired	19
Walls cement rendered	8
Windows repaired	19
Windows provided or replaced	51
New window sashcords provided	22
New window fasteners provided	8
Windows made to open	7
Doors repaired(external)	13
Doors provided or replaced(external)	17
Doors provided (internal)	37
Doors repaired (internal)	28
Door fasteners repaired or replaced	13
Door steps provided or repaired.. .. .	6
New yard surfaces provided	6
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired	6
Yard surfaces where proper means of drainage provided	3
Ceilings where plaster, etc. repaired or replaced	48
Ceilings cleansed	2
Rooms where walls cleansed	11
Floors relaid or repaired	49
Rooms where skirting board repaired or replaced	8
Firegrates repaired	4
New firegrates provided.. .. .	17
New ranges provided.. .. .	1
Hearths repaired or replaced	8
Chimney flues repaired	12
Staircases repaired	10
Rooms where lighting improved	29
Rooms where ventilation improved	6
Rooms where dampness remedied	27
New sinks provided	28
Trapped sink waste pipes provided	28
New washbasins provided.. .. .	30

continued :-

IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTORS - continued:

HOUSES, ETC.

Washbasin waste pipes trapped	1
Trapped washbasin waste pipes provided.. ..	29
New baths provided	26
Trapped bath waste pipes provided	30
Rooms where wallplaster etc. repaired or replaced	49
Washing boiler flues repaired	2
Hot water systems provided	32
Houses where water service pipes repaired	2
Houses where water supply provided inside the house	5
Ventilated food stores provided	11
Houses painted externally	13
Houses Damp proof course inserted	2
Fuel Stores provided	9

Drainage :-

New drains constructed	19
Old drains reconstructed	14
Drains repaired	9
Drains cleansed	37
Inspection chambers provided	33
Inspection chambers repaired	2
Inspection chamber covers provided	8
Self-cleansing gullies provided	15
Soil pipes provided or repaired	10
Vent pipes provided or repaired	3

Waterclosets :-

Roofs repaired.. .. .	2
New basins fixed	29
Cisterns repaired or renewed	17
New flush pipes fixed	8
Doors repaired or renewed	7
W.C. seats repaired or replaced	12
Floors repaired.. .. .	6
W.C's. decorated	1
W.C's. where lighting improved	3

MISCELLANEOUS

New dustbins provided	32
Accumulations of refuse removed	5

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water.

With the exception of a few outlying houses, which have satisfactory private sources, Hitchin obtains its water from piped supplies controlled by the Lea Valley Water Company.

Water is obtained from three wells (1) Temple End, Charlton, (2) Oughton Mead and (3) Offley Bottom. The latter two are situated in the Rural District just outside the Urban boundary. An adequate supply was maintained from the above sources and no restrictions were necessary during the year. The water is satisfactory in quality and 81 bacteriological and 11 chemical samples of the water supplied in the district were taken during the year and examined at the Company's own laboratory. All the samples were found to be satisfactory. The water from the wells is hard and therefore no trouble is experienced due to plumbo-solvency.

The number of dwelling houses supplied with water from public mains direct into the house is 7,474 serving approximately 23,618 persons, whilst the number of dwelling houses supplied with water from public mains by means of stand-pipes is 43, serving approximately 136 persons. In the case of 17 houses the water supply is provided in an outbuilding.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage.

Extensions to the soil and stormwater sewers were carried out during the year on the Rosehill, Oakfield, Westmill and Carmelite Monastery Estates.

2. Rivers and Streams.

No action taken.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

With the exception of 8 of the 22 houses comprising the main village of Charlton, and a few outlying premises, the whole of the district is provided with waterclosets, which, excluding a few waterclosets discharging into cesspools, are connected to the Council's sewers. The 8 houses mentioned above are provided with pail closets.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA. - continued:-

3. (ii) Public Cleansing.

The extension of the paper sack "pilot scheme" of refuse collection commenced during the last quarter of the year and covered approximately 1,000 premises by December 31st.

Although the commencement of the extension was delayed to later in the year than had originally been visualised the operation worked smoothly and successfully. The changeover from dustbins to paper sacks is quite a formidable task and Mr. Kidd, refuse collection foreman, and his staff were presented with many problems to be overcome.

Many local authorities have written to me seeking information and experience on this new refuse collection system and a number of visits have been made to Mitchin by local authority members and officials,

House and trade refuse were disposed of by controlled tipping using a bulldozer. Approximately 420 tons of waste paper were sold during the year to the board mills, an increase of 24 tons over 1960.

(iii) Public Health Inspection of the Area. See pages 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

(iv) Shops and Offices.

Numerous visits were made to shops and offices and the following works were carried out after written or verbal notices :-

Waterclosets repaired or redecorated 12

(v) Caravans.

At 31st December, 1961, eleven licences had been granted authorising the use of land as sites for caravans. The number of caravans covered by the licences is 114.

continued :-

(v) Caravans Continued :-

A serious problem is now arising due to the unauthorised parking of caravans etc., by gipsies and other travellers from time to time on sites such as the Meads, Old Hale Way; Oughton Head Common and Icknield Way, Stotfold Road. These persons are constantly urged to move by this department, often in conjunction with the police, but return after a period in another area to continue their undesirable habits of breaking up articles and creating litter and rubbish.

(vi) Clean Air.

19 observations of chimneys were made during 1961 together with 52 advisory visits to the boiler plants concerned. Satisfactory liaison still continues with the Surveyor's Department regarding the height of chimneys when new boilers are to be installed and the necessary plans, etc., are submitted.

It now appears that the residents of Common Rise and the surrounding area can look forward to a satisfactory solution of the smoke problem from the gas works which is and has been a serious nuisance for many years. The Chairman of the Eastern Gas Board has intimated that the manufacture of gas at these works may cease in 1964.

(vii) Swimming Baths.

There are two swimming baths in the district, (a) a public open-air swimming bath maintained by the Council, comprising a main and children's pool, and (b) a private open-air swimming bath at the Girls' Grammar School.

112 samples of water in the two pools at the Council's baths were taken, 56 being submitted to a bacteriological examination and 56 to a residual chlorine test. All the samples were reported upon as satisfactory.

The two pools at the public baths are filled from a main water supply. The water is continuously circulated and purified by pressure sand filtration and chlorination. The filtration plant has a turnover period of about four hours.

The County Health Department took samples of the water in the Girl's Grammar School bath during the year.

4. Schools.

No action taken.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

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|----|-----|--|-------|
| 1. | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 176 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1,226 |
| 2. | (a) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 | 29 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 29 |
| 3. | | Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. | 29 |
| 4. | | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. | 147 |

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 41

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

- | | | |
|-----|---|---|
| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | - |
|-----|---|---|

continued :-

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a)	By Owners	.. .. .	-
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. .. .	-

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.. .. . 3

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a)	By Owners	.. .. .	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. .. .	-

(C) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 23 and Part 3 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 17

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were revoked 2

(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 23

(4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings to make fit were accepted from owners, etc. .. 3

(5) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings not to use for human habitation until made fit were accepted from owners, etc. .. . -

(6) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders 30

continued :-

(D) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	1
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..	6
(4)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked and Demolition Orders made	1
(5)	Number of dwelling houses owned by local Authority certified as unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	14

4.

OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	2
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein,	2
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein ..	10
(b)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	-
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	5
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	18
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding :	
	(1)	Number of cases	-
	(2)	Number of families concerned	-
	(3)	Number of persons	-

5. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

(1)	Number of discretionary improvement grants made	12
(2)	Number in (1) above made to owner / occupiers	8
(3)	Number of houses where discretionary improvement grant works completed ..	9
(4)	Number of standard improvement grants made	24
(5)	Number in (4) above made to owner / occupiers	22
(6)	Number of houses where standard improvement grant works completed ..	25

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

There are **five** distributors of milk in the district and three premises are used as dairies.

Numerous inspections of dairies were made during the year under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

During the year 129 samples of milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>Class of Milk</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Percentage Satisfactory</u>
43	Pasteurised	41	2	95.3%
50	Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	44	6	88%
4	Tuberculin Tested	3	1	75%
22	Sterilised	22	-	100%

The majority of the samples were bottled milks taken in the course of delivery to the consumer.

(b) Meat and Foods.

One slaughterhouse is licensed by the Council to slaughter animals, i.e. the Herts. and Beds. Co-operative Bacon Factory, where extensive slaughtering of pigs is carried out. 43,137 pigs were killed and inspected at the Bacon Factory during the year. A system of detention is in operation at this slaughterhouse.

The following table gives details of the number of animals killed, inspected and found to be diseased, unsound or unfit for food. The diseased or unsound meat is voluntarily surrendered and disposed of so as not to be used for human consumption.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	-	-	-	-	43,137	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	43,137	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	69	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci	-	-	-	-	25.4	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	758	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.76	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following table gives summarised information relating to the carcasses, offal, etc., condemned at the Herts. and Beds. Co-operative Bacon Factory.

<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>					Lb.
1 Pigs' carcase	65
586 Pigs' heads	7,064
162 Pigs' stomachs	1,286
4 Pigs' plucks	32
Trimnings	22
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					8,469
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<u>OTHER DISEASES</u>					
8 Pigs' carcasses	Fevered	782
33 Pigs' carcasses	Moribund	5,219
15 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Febrile	1,960
8 Pigs' carcasses	..	..	..	Emaciation	236
1 Pigs' carcase	..	..	..	Jaundice	83
1 Pigs' carcase	..	..	..	Multiple Cysts	396
1 Pigs' carcase	..	..	..	Dropsy	154
1 Pigs' carcase	..	Acute	Septic Peritonitis		467
1 Pigs' carcase	..	..	Acute Enteritis		267
1,137 Pigs' hearts	..	..	..	Pericarditis	569
7,141 Pigs' lungs	..	..	..	Congestion	21,423
1,116 Pigs' livers	..	..	..	Cirrhosis	4,464
250 Pigs' stomachs	..	..	..	Inflammation	2,000
92 Pigs' heads	..	..	..	Abscess'	1,265
941 Pigs' kidneys	..	..	..	Cysts	235
101 Pigs' flares	..	..	..	Inflammation	303
28 Pigs' fillets	..	..	..	Inflammation	20
39 Pigs' fore legs	..	..	..	Broken & Bruised	317
79 Pigs' back legs	Broken & Bruised	1,284
Miscellaneous parts		
Trimnings	..	Various	traumatic conditions		1,568
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					43,012
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TOTAL	22 tons. 19 cwts. 2 qrs. 17 lb.		

Numerous visits were made to butcher's shops, food shops and other food preparing premises. The following quantities of food stuffs were also found to be unsound and unfit for food, and were voluntarily surrendered by the owners and disposed of so as not to be used for human consumption.

Meat from Butcher's Shops.	Lb.
Beef Decomposition	120
Pork Decomposition	24
TOTAL 1 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.	<u>144</u>

General.

Miscellaneous tinned and packed goods ..	1,942
Miscellaneous tinned meats	532
Fish	97
Cheese	<u>29</u>
TOTAL 1 ton. 3 cwts. 24 lb.	<u>2,600</u>

Grand total of foodstuffs condemned. (All classes)

24 tons. 4 cwts. 0 qr. 17 lb.

ICE CREAM :

The number of premises registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the storage and sale of ice cream is 90. Frequent visits were made to the foregoing premises to enforce the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959, and for the purpose of sampling. 92 samples were taken, the results of which follow :-

Grade 1	..	..	..	76	}	Satisfactory.
Grade 2	..	..	..	5		
Grade 3	..	..	..	5	}	Unsatisfactory.
Grade 4	..	..	..	1		
5 Iced Lollies	..	..				Satisfactory.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN :

1. There are 262 food premises in the area consisting of 56 grocers, 22 confectioners (sweets) 10 confectioners (cakes, etc.) 20 greengrocers, 5 fish-friers, 7 fish-mongers, 1 poulterer, 21 butchers, 49 restaurant kitchens (including industrial and school canteens) 10 food factories, 9 bakehouses, 50 licensed premises and 2 warehouses, the latter being used for the storage of food only.
2. The following premises are registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955; 17 butchers (for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food), 1 butcher (for the pickling of meat), 2 fish-mongers (for the preservation of fish), 4 food factories (for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pickled, pressed or preserved food), 2 grocers (for the cooking of ham), 1 grocer (for the roasting of chickens). Regarding ice cream, 90 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream; 42 grocers, 6 greengrocers, 22 confectioners (sweets) and 20 general premises. 1 premise is licensed for the storage of ice cream only.

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3. Regarding inspection of food premises see (5) below.
4. Condemned food is disposed of at the premises of the Horts. and Beds. Co-operative Bacon Factory, where it is processed in a digester plant.
5. The following improvements were carried out during the year to premises used for preparation, sale, etc., of food :-

Washing Facilities.

Number of new sinks provided	1
Number of new washbasins provided	5
Number of new draining boards provided ..	3
Number of double sink units provided ..	1
Number of trapped waste pipes provided ..	1

Structural Work.

Number of rooms where walls repaired or improved.	10
Number of rooms where floors repaired or renewed	7
Number of rooms where walls decorated ..	18
Number of rooms where ceilings decorated	18
Number of rooms where woodwork decorated	14
Number of rooms where new floor coverings provided	9
Number of rooms where lighting improved	4

Sanitary Conveniences.

Sanitary accommodation remedied	3
Sanitary accommodation reconstructed ..	2
Other defects remedied	7

Equipment.

Number of premises where new dustbins provided	8
Number of premises where new equipment provided	4
Number of premises where new counter tops installed.	8
Number of premises where equipment renovated	4
Number of premises where refrigerated display cabinet provided	2

continued :-

Food Hygiene.

Number of premises where walls and floors etc. cleansed	7
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Kitchen Utensils - Bacteriological Swabs.

During 1961, 373 swabs of kitchen utensils were taken for bacteriological examination.

Each swab is cultivated for two different times and temperatures and bacterial counts made. No official standard is laid down but a utensil is regarded as satisfactory if the average of both counts is not more than 100 organisms per utensil and faecal coliform is absent. 276 samples passed the unofficial standard and 97 failed.

Utensil cleansing techniques are constantly under supervision and methods, materials and equipment are consequently improving.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

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PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	146	66	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	8	4	-	-
TOTAL	176	78	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) :-					
(a) Insufficient	4	4	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	22	22	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL :	31	31	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111	
	Number of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) c	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Notices Served	Prosecutions
clothing manufacture	47	-	-	-	-

